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DELIVERING **M.O.R.E.** WITH A.I.
IN THE CARIBBEAN

Virtual Project Management Conference

FRIDAY,

October 2nd 2026

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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THE CHAPTER WE BUILD TOGETHER



It is a privilege to begin this term as President of the PMI Southern Caribbean Chapter at a time of tremendous opportunity for our community.

Our focus for the coming term is on further creating greater value for our members while strengthening the Chapter's capacity to serve. We are already seeing this through initiatives such as our mentorship programme, professional development opportunities, and orientations that help members better understand, access and contribute to the value of their Chapter.

That spirit of connection will continue at ELEVATE 2026, where project professionals will come together to learn, exchange ideas and strengthen relationships across our community.

Partnership must also begin from within. We invite the leaders within our membership to bring their organisations closer to PMISCC, creating stronger connections between the profession, the workplaces we influence and the communities we serve.

We must also strengthen our volunteer capacity. More of us contributing means more can be accomplished, faster, with greater quality and greater impact.

Every member has knowledge, experience or energy that can help move this Chapter forward.

Our ambition should be bold: to make PMI Southern Caribbean the ultimate beacon of what a professional membership organisation can be in the Caribbean, known for the strength of its community, the value it creates and the impact it delivers.

We look forward to meeting more of you through our upcoming Virtual Conference, ELEVATE 2026, then our final orientation for the year, and any opportunities ahead to network, volunteer and lead.

This is our Chapter. Let us build it together.

Warren Anderson
President
PMI Southern Caribbean

THE WELLNESS HUB

ONGOING HAZARDS TO WELLBEING

Today, I begin a series on the quiet ongoing hazards to our wellbeing. I will share what these hazards are, their negative impact on our wellbeing, and how we may minimize those impacts. In 1907 what started as “an ideal, highly versatile, and inexpensive material became a hazard by the late 1960’s.

Plastic was invented in 1907 by Leo Baekeland, a Belgian chemist, who emigrated to the US. The material was durable, flexible, non-flammable and it did not conduct electricity. Soon manufacturers began using it to produce almost everything, including radios, cars



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and appliances. . During the 1930’s and 1940 new forms of the material were invented, namely polyester, nylon, styrofoam, and plexiglas. The production of plastics increased by the 1950’s, and plastic was seen as “an advantage that made life easier especially with the introduction of “single use plastics”. The industry became critical to modern medicine, construction, apparel, food packaging and more.

By the 1960’s debris started clogging the oceans and experts started warning about plastic pollution, but by the 1970’s researchers discovered small plastic particles in marine plankton. The term “nanoplastics” describe particles less than 1 micrometer in size, larger particles are referred to as “microplastics.”

Microplastics are now found everywhere, and to date they have been found in 1300 species, including throughout the human body.

Even though research on the full extent of the health impact of microplastics is

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ongoing, evidence is growing that this exposure could be dangerous. The particles have been found in multiple organs and tissues including the brain, testicles, heart, stomach, lymph nodes, placenta, and even detected in urine, breastmilk, semen and meconium, which is a newborn's first stool. We may not know or understand, but our bodies are being polluted by microplastics which are incapable of breaking down. According to Desiree La Beaud, MD a pediatric infectious diseases physician, “Plastic never goes away-it just breaks down into finer and finer particles”.

In the next issue of The Wellness Hub, I will address, potential risks of microplastic to our long-term health and what we can do to minimize those risks.



Project Voices: Caribbean Perspectives

A quarterly thought-leadership podcast dedicated to advancing project management across the Caribbean. Join us as we promote best practices, raise awareness about project management certifications, and foster professional engagement within the region. Tune in for insightful discussions, expert interviews, and valuable tips to elevate your project management career.



Clarity over Control

EP 1



**Audacity Without
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START YOUR PMI/CHAPTER JOURNEY WITH CONFIDENCE

New to PMI and the PMI Southern Caribbean Chapter (PMISCC)?
Looking to connect, learn, and make the most of your membership?

Join Us



Date: Tuesday, October 27th, 2026



Time: 6:30 PM AST



Location: Online (Meeting link received upon registration)

Why should you attend?

- ✓ **Discover** your membership benefits with insider tips
- ✓ **Engage** with seasoned project managers & industry leaders
- ✓ **Grow** your PM career through volunteering, mentorship, and events
- ✓ **Explore** ways to give back and become part of our vibrant PMISCC community
- ✓ **Get** inspired to elevate your project management journey

Who should attend?

- ✓ New PMI or PMISCC members
- ✓ Curious about PMI & the Chapter? Come as a guest!
- ✓ PM enthusiasts & professionals looking to connect
- ✓ PM explorers seeking Mentorship or Volunteer opportunities

— Your PMISCC Membership Team



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27% when they aren't



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M.O.R.E.: AND I DON'T MEAN MORE MEETINGS

By: Michelle Ambrose
Executive Vice President
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When I first heard that PMI wanted project professionals to deliver M.O.R.E., I had questions.

More meetings? More status reports? More “quick calls” that somehow consume an hour of my life?

Thankfully, no.

PMI's M.O.R.E. is about Manage Perceptions, Own Success, Relentlessly Reassess, and Expand Perspective—and the more I think about it, the more it reflects how project management works.

Manage Perceptions. We know a project can be technically “green” while stakeholders are seeing flashing red lights. Success isn't only what the dashboard says. We need to understand what stakeholders value, communicate effectively, and make sure we're solving the right problem.

Own Success. This one speaks to me. Our responsibility shouldn't end with, "Well, I delivered what was in the project plan!" We must care about whether the project delivered value. Sometimes that means stepping outside the comfortable boundaries of our role and asking harder questions.

Relentlessly Reassess. Or, as I like to call it, Tuesday. Projects change. Priorities change. People change. And occasionally, someone remembers a "small requirement" that somehow never appeared in the requirements.

We adjust.

Finally, Expand Perspective. Look beyond the task list. What does this project mean for the organization, the people affected by it, and the bigger picture?

That's what I appreciate about M.O.R.E. It challenges us to move beyond simply managing projects and think about the impact we're creating.

For me, M.O.R.E. means being curious enough to ask another question, courageous enough to challenge an assumption, and flexible enough to change direction when necessary.

So yes, PMI SCC, I'm ready to deliver M.O.R.E.

Just not more meetings.

I'm certain we can manage perceptions about that through email.

**Be Part of Something
Awesome**



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1. Visit www.pmiscc.org
2. Select “Get Involved Tab”
3. Select “Volunteer Programme”
4. Select “Volunteer Application”

Applications close on September 30, 2026.

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- ASSISTANT TO VP TECHNOLOGY & CYBERSECURITY
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- EVENT TEAM MEMBERS
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- ASSISTANT TO VP FINANCE
- PROJECT MANAGER, SPECIAL PROJECTS
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- COMMUNICATION AND ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANTS



BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES

By: Chayan Mohammed
VP Technology & Cybersecurity
PMI Southern Caribbean

A cricket match has a clear beginning, a clear end, and ultimately, a winner. A cricket development programme has none of those things.

Across the Caribbean, cricket connects players, coaches, schools, clubs, territorial boards, governments, sponsors, fans, and communities. This makes for an interesting example of project and programme management.

One Goal, Many Projects

Developing an international cricketer involves multiple stages: grassroots participation, coaching, competitions, talent identification, academies, high-performance programmes and professional opportunities. Each can be treated as a project, with its own resources, stakeholders, risks and measures of success. The challenge is ensuring they connect.

This demonstrates a key project-management principle: **successful individual projects do not automatically create a successful programme.**

Stakeholders Are the Strategy

Cricket also demonstrates the importance of stakeholder alignment.

Cricket West Indies (CWI) brings together territorial cricket boards across the region, while its governance reforms have focused on strengthening accountability and long-term sustainability. Women's cricket provides another example. CWI brought together pathway coaches and players with West Indies Women's Head Coach, Shane Deitz, to improve consistency and alignment throughout the development system.



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This is stakeholder management in practice: **ensuring different parts of an organization understand and contribute to the same objective.**

Measure Benefits, Not Just Deliverables

Beyond deliverables like facilities and tournaments, success is measured by more players reaching professional levels, increased participation, and opportunities for women and youth.

For example, the ongoing Caribbean Premier League (CPL) season has a defined schedule, teams, venues, budgets and operational objectives, making it a clear project-like undertaking. Yet its value extends beyond matches. It creates professional opportunities, develops local talent, engages fans and communities, and strengthens the commercial ecosystem around Caribbean cricket.

The lesson extends beyond sport. Completing a project on time and within budget matters, but the real measure of success is whether it creates the intended value.

**The project may have a finish line. The programme doesn't.
And neither does the responsibility to generate a lasting impact.**

Source:

Cricket West Indies, <https://www.windiescricket.com/news/>

MEMBER METRICS CORNER

Celebrating our growth, our members and the milestones that make our community strong.

1,000+

Growth Milestone
reached in February
2026

1,190+

Active Members
2026 YTD

300+

New Members
2026 YTD

Our Community

74% PMI-Certified Members

Kudos to our certified professionals for their continued
commitment to excellence!

Member Milestones

Celebrating PMISCC members reaching significant
membership anniversaries in 2026 YTD

1 Year	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years	20+ Years	25-27 Years
186	17	26	12	54	5

Thank you to all our members for being part of the PMISCC community.
Your continued commitment strengthens
our chapter and our profession!



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